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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE  
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ALL AFRICAN POSTS PRIORITY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD) ON ASSISTANCE TO  
ZAIRE

REF: STATE 125921 (NOTAL)

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION:

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY SECTION 25 OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1977, I  
HEREBY DETERMINE THAT:

(A) THE FURNISHING TO ZAIRE OF NOT TO EXCEED  
\$2,500,000 IN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1978 UNDER CHAPTER 5 OF  
PART II OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, THE  
EXTENSION TO AND UTILIZATION BY ZAIRE OF NOT TO EXCEED  
\$17,500,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1978 IN CREDIT UNDER  
THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, AND THE UTILIZATION BY  
ZAIRE OF THE UNCOMMITTED BALANCE OF CREDIT EXTENDED TO  
ZAIRE UNDER THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT IN ANY PRIOR  
FISCAL YEAR, ARE IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY  
INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

(B) SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO ZAIRE  
IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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2. IN PART THE SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PD  
THAT WILL BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS WITH THE DETERMINATION  
ITSELF IS AS FOLLOWS:

ON OR ABOUT MAY 13 THE SOUTHERN BORDERS OF ZAIRE  
WERE VIOLATED BY INSURGENT FORCES FROM ANGOLA VIA ZAMBIA.  
THESE FORCES CURRENTLY OCCUPY PARTS OF THE IMPORTANT  
MINING TOWN OF KOLWEZI. PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS APPEALED  
TO THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND  
THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR ASSISTANCE IN RE-  
STORING ZAIRE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

ZAIRE REMAINS ONE OF OUR IMPORTANT FRIENDS IN AFRICA  
AND IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MODERATE COUNTRIES IN  
CENTRAL AFRICA. TRADITIONALLY, WE HAVE SHARED A  
COMMONALITY OF VIEWS AND HAVE RECEIVED ZAIRE'S SUPPORT  
IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

WITH ITS VAST NATURAL RESOURCES, ZAIRE IS ONE OF  
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH REAL ECONOMIC POTEN-  
TIAL. ZAIRE IS OUR PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF COBALT, A  
STRATEGIC MATERIAL. ZAIRE IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING

SEVERE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. THE IMF ESTIMATES THAT ZAIRE OWES A TOTAL OF \$2.8 BILLION TO OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE CREDITORS. ALTHOUGH ZAIRE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO REDUCE ITS ARREARAGES AND TO ARRANGE A NEW \$220 MILLION LOAN FROM PRIVATE BANKS, IT IS IN NO POSITION TO DEFEND ITSELF WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE. THEREFORE FMS CREDITS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.

THE DECISION TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO ZAIRE'S REQUEST AT THIS TIME IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR FUNDAMENTAL COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND WILL HELP TO ENSURE THE CONFIDENCE OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD LONG RELATIONS OF FRIEND-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIP AND COOPERATION IN OUR RELIABILITY AS A SOURCE OF MATERIAL SUPPLY IN TIME OF CRISIS.

3. FOR KINSHASA: DRAWING FROM PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS POST IS REQUESTED TO INFORM PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION AND TO ASSURE MOBUTU THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER FMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ARREARAGE PROBLEM IDENTIFIED IN REFTTEL HAS BEEN

RESOLVED. PLEASE CONFIRM.

4. WITH DISCRETION AND, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, OTHER POSTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON PARAGAPHS 1 AND ,;" INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

5. INCRIPED FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. VANCE

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